UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
SHERYL BALDEO,  Plaintiff,	ECF FILING  Docket No.: 05 Civ. 00205 (SCR)
- against -	COMPLAINT PLAINTIFF DEMANDS
DEREK LEWIS, D.D.S., P.C  Defendants.	A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, Plaintiff, SHERYL BALDEO, by , by her att, by her attorneys, GOODSTEIN complaining of the Defendant, alleges as follows:

1. ThisThis is an action to remedy the failure of Defendant to properly payThis is an action to overtimeovertime acvertime at overtime at the rate of time-and-a half as required by the Fair Labor Standards A etet seq. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 29 USC §216 (b) of the Fairet seq. Jurisdiction is conferred upon by 28 USC §1331, this action arising under the lawsby 28 USC §1331 actionaction arising under Acts of Congress regulating commerce pendent pendent jurisdiction pendent jurisdiction Plaintiff claims failure to pay wages due and pendent jurisdiction State Labor Law §198.

#### **PARTIES**

- 2. PlaintiffPlaintiff is a female former employee of Plaintiff is a female former employee of Defe Avenue, Apt. 25, Bronx, NewAvenue, Apt. 25, Bronx, New York 10458. Plaintiff s employment terminated as 2004.
  - 3. DDefendantDefendant DEREK LEWIS, D.D.S., P.C. (hereinafter Lewis ) isDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDefendantDef

professional corporation organized pursuant to the lawsprofessional corporation organized pursuant to the laws of 110110 Lockwood Avenu110 Lockwood Avenue, Suite 110 Lockwood Avenue, Suite 101, New Rochelle, employeremployer engaged in interstate employer engaged in interstate commerce and subject to the Fair Labor Star et seq.) and to the New York State Labor Law (Labor Law §§190 et seq.)

### **FACTS**

- 4. PlaintiffPlaintiff was hired by Defendant as an office Plaintiff was hired by Defendant facility.facility. Defendant agreed to pay Plaintiff, with a forty (40) hour work week, at an hourly rate of Twenty Five (\$25.00) Dollars,
- 5. PlaintiffPlaintiff worked extra hours per week over and above Forty (Plaintiff worked ext week.
  - 6. Plaintiff s regular rate of pay was Twenty (\$25.00) Dollars per hour.

#### AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 7. Although Plaintiff worked overtimeAlthough Plaintiff worked overtime during the 16, 2004, she did not receive proper overtime compensation for this period.
- 8. PlaintiffPlaintiff earned \$25.00 per hour, so her ratePlaintiff earned \$25.00 per hour, so Seven Dollars Fifty Cents (\$37.50) per hour.
- 9. PPlaintiffPlaintiff did not receive proper overtime payment, in violation of Plaintiff did Labor Standards Act, although she worked more than forty (40) hours per week.
  - 10. Defendant s failure to pay Plaintiff overtime was willful.

## AS AND FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION PENDENT CAUSE OF ACTION

11. FromFrom July, 2002 through October 16, 2004, Plaintiff was denied overtime in violation violation of Laborviolation of Labor Law §190 et seq. §198, and there fore this is wageviolation of Labor Law sing wages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request that this Court enter an Order determining:

# On the New York State Labor Law §198 Cause of Action

- (a) That Defendant violated the New York State Labor Law;
- (b) DeDeclaringDeclaring that Defendant s violation of the New York State Labor Law was willful;
- (c) Awarding Awarding Plaintiff during the period July, 2002 through Awarding Plainti 20042004 a payment of \$37.50 per hour for all hours overtime worked per week during the period;
- (d) Finding that refusal to pay Plaintiffs the correct wages required was willfulwillful and awarding Plaintiffs an additional amount as willful and award damagedamagesdamages equal to twenty five (25%) percent of the total amount of wages found to be due; and
- (e) Awarding Plaintiffs reasonable attorney s fees.

On The Fair Labor Standards Act Cause of Action

(a) Determining Determining that Defendant violateDetermining that Defendant violated

CodeCode USC §201 et seq.)Code USC §201 et seq.) for the Code USC §201 et

and including October 16, 2004;

(b) Determining Determining that Defendant s violation of the Fair Labor Standards

Act was willful;

(c) Granting Granting Plaintiff Granting Plaintiff tGranting Plaintiff time-and-a-half a

each and every hour worked overtime during the period;

(d) Granting Granting Plaintiff an Granting Plaintiff an equal amount in Granting Plaintif

thethe period dating three (3)the period dating three (3) years before the filing ofth

and

(e) AwardingAwarding Plaintiff her cost and reasonable attorneys fees togeAwardin

withwith swith such other and further relief as to the Court seems justwith such

proper.

Dated: New Rochelle, New York

January 7, 2005

Yours, etc.,

**GOODSTEIN & WEST** 

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